

**Amendments to the Abstract**

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B<sup>2</sup>  
A guiding aid for an instrument to be advanced within a vascular system, particularly the human vascular system, comprising a flexible shapeable shaft ~~[[2]]~~ comprising a first bent section ~~[[4]]~~ having a first curvature ~~[[K<sub>1</sub>]]~~ and at least one further bent section ~~[[6]]~~, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the bent sections (4, 6) of said shaft (2) of the shaft have the same sign of curvature and are located substantially within the same ~~plain (E) plane~~. Such a guiding aid may be preformed by the manufacturer such that the guiding aid may be introduced into vascular branchings both from large lumen and small lumen vessels by a physician manipulating the instrument from its proximal end. FIG. 4